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Subject: New England-MA.; CT.; R.I.; VT.; N.H.; and ME.-week of 6/19/98

MA.-Several associations have been invited to meet with the AG on 7/6, after the written comment period(which ends 6/10), for additional discussion on his 93A rules proposal. Industry leaders continue their discussions with legislators too.

CT.-Legislature will meet in special session on 6/22 to consider an over-ride of the Governor's veto on a construction bill; the technical revisions of approved bills will be voted on-the lobby team will be there.

VT.-Industry meeting was held on 6/11-6/12; potential for positive change discussed and follow-up conference call will be held in early July.

ME.-Frank L. met with Dan R. on Monday, 6/15 and agreed to have Attny. R. speak to the attny. for the Portland group to determine how we can assist.

N.H.-Industry meeting was held on 6/16; progress being made on 9 targets. Supreme Court may issue opinion on ABC by 6/19; increase in activities will occur with the decision.

Maine local...

The public hearing in FRECCPORT was held on 6/16; the Town Council will vote to ban FGD's on 7/22/98. The Chairman, Jean Beaulieu, during my conversation with her agreed that use of "shield displays" would be acceptable to her and the other members of her board. She has requested that a display be left at Town Hall for her board to view and that the industry install these displays before the 7/22 vote. We have made this recommendation to the RM's office, the DM and coalition partners.

Connecticut local...

New London-Although the City Council held a Public Hearing on a proposal to ban outdoor tobacco advertising on 6/15, the matter was referred back to Corporate Counsel with the help of former Mayor Tony Basilella for additional study.

Seymour-Selectmen will hold a public hearing on 6/26 to consider a ban on vending and outdoor advertising of tobacco products like their neighbor, Orange, CT. The Town of Derby is also considering a similar ban. Montano Wholesale is looking into state statutes for "use restriction" language through an attorney and may seek a TRO with the ACLU on these boards.

Mass local...

The Chatham BOH passed a smoking ban in restaurants & bars(excluding private clubs) on 6/15 which will be effective @ 2:00 am on 1/1/98.

Four restaurant owners in Belcherlawn are gathering the necessary 200 voter signatures to request a fall Town Meeting question to rescind the ban on smoking in restaurants as imposed by the BOH.

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The "Stop Light Sign" program to identify restaurant policy on smoking will be voted on 6/22 in the Town of Bellingham.

Yarmouth-Public Hearing on 6/22 to discuss smoking ban in restaurants @ 3:00 pm; all coalition/partisan activities initiated.

Hyannis-BOH has scheduled a public hearing on smoking ban in restaurants for 6/23 @ 7:00 pm; we request same coordinated activity as in Yarmouth with MRA

Marlborough-BOH will hold public hearing on 6/22 to discuss restaurant smoking restrictions which could exclude bar & lounge areas.

Saugus-BOH will hold a public hearing on 7/6/98 @ 6:30 pm to discuss a 100% smoking ban in restaurants; we request coordinated activity(mail & phones) with the MRA

Best Regards,
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